



# PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community



TAKING FLIGHT:  
SOARING WITH PARTNERS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

**GOAL 1**

ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACCESS & SUCCESS.

**GOAL 2**

BE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, & ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION.

**GOAL 3**

BE A LEADER & PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES.

**GOAL 4**

ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY.

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY GATHERING RAISES OVER \$6,800 FOR SBVC STUDENTS

The Annual President's Holiday Gathering was held on December 4, 2023 in the Lois Carson Campus Center. District and campus employees gathered in the festively decorated hall to enjoy a special luncheon provided by the Culinary Department.

Employees were encouraged to participate in the seasonal spirit of giving by buying opportunity tickets for the chance to secure one of the themed prize baskets generously donated by various SBVC programs and departments.

A record-breaking 32 baskets were donated for this year's event. Winning prizes varied in theme and contents, from an elegant Pottery Barn Luxury Holiday Basket to the coveted \$700 Money Tree with various gift cards and lottery scratchers. The donations of employees via opportunity tickets helped raise over \$6,800 for SBVC students.

The SBVC Foundation encouraged participation in the Employee Giving Campaign by selling opportunity tickets with an NFL Raiders Basket as the prize. The total value of the basket was estimated to be \$1,000, which included tickets to a Raiders' game in Las Vegas as well as a luxury hotel stay during the event. The generous contributions of employees resulted in at least a \$400 monthly increase in payroll deductions, with those funds allocated to textbook scholarships for SBVC students. The Employee Giving Campaign is ongoing until January 26, 2024.

Visit [sbvcfoundation.org](http://sbvcfoundation.org) for more information if you didn't have the chance to set up your monthly employee contribution. All donations go toward supporting SBVC students, scholarships, fund accounts, and programs.



GOAL 4: ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY.

# NEW TECH BUILDING RECEIVES SUSTAINABILITY AWARD



San Bernardino Valley College's Technical Education Building was recognized for excellence in sustainable design with a 2023 U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles (USGBC-LA) Sustainable Innovation Award for Merit in the Health and Well-being category. The award was presented at USGBC-LA's annual Green Gala and Sustainable Innovation Awards on December 7, 2023 in Hollywood, California.

The 102,000 SF, all-electric Technical Education Building is designed to advance the capabilities of SBVC's automotive, electrical, machine technology, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC&R), and water technology programs. It will serve as a vital campus resource for students making advancements in electric vehicles, photovoltaics, robotics, and rapid prototyping.

Visual links between instructional spaces throughout the building inspire, inform, and connect students and educators. "Sticky" spaces provide opportunities for collaboration and inspiration within and across departments. The building is designed to be a Net Zero-ready living lab that will provide exhibit space for automotive technology and feature innovations in regenerative design, such as solar glass and five solar thermal chimneys to help passively heat and cool the building's high-bay labs.

The San Bernardino Community College District and SBVC collaborated closely with the HMC Architects design team to create the innovative space, which is set to open in December 2024.

GOAL 3: BE A LEADER & PARTNER IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES.

# WINTERFEST WEEK BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO CAMPUS

It might not have felt like winter, but WinterFest Week still brought the snow and holiday spirit to campus. The seventh annual WinterFest was held on December 4-7 and was a collaborative effort between the Department of Marketing & Public Relations, Student Equity and the Associated Student Government.

How did the event organizers ensure this year's events were special? More snow and more fun. The festive week kicked off with the highly successful Therapy Pets event on December 4. With dogs and cats from Paws-to-Share and coloring pages provided by the SBVC Library staff, students were able to relax right before starting their Finals Week. "It's all about providing a safe and fun space for students right before they enter a hectic week," said Public Affairs Coordinator Alejandra Aguilera. "They deserve it."

On December 5, students were anticipating the fresh pile of snow on the Library Quad. "It's been the warmest Snow Day we've had," said Aguilera, "but luckily the snow didn't melt!" Students enjoyed fun in the snow, free lunch, a photo booth with Blue the Wolverine and a small resource fair with student-run clubs. Aguilera estimates that over 500 students attended the event.

A movie screening of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" was held on December 6, which provided a cool space for students to grab lunch and relax in between study sessions. In collaboration with Associated Student Government, an Ugly Sweater Contest was held for Amazon giftcards. On December 7 a Paint and Sip session was held. Students and staff were guided to paint a winter scene by art professor Kamphoune Syphengpheth in front of the Gresham Art Gallery.

Aguilera highlights that without the support from other departments and the hard work of everyone involved WinterFest Week wouldn't have happened and become part of SBVC's history. "I hope that in the coming years it's always something students can expect to see in December."



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# SBVC STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES EVENT SHINES A SPOTLIGHT ON MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

San Bernardino Valley College Student Health Services held a special event called Men's Empowerment Day on November 29, 2023. The event was the first of its kind on the SBVC campus, with an aim to increase awareness of men's mental health issues as well as the mental health resources available to men. While the focus of the event was on men's health, all SBVC students were invited to participate in a luncheon which included an informational session focused on men's mental health awareness.

The luncheon began with a screening of suicide prevention advocate Lori Prichard's TED Talk. In the TED Talk, Prichard delved into the intimate research that she had conducted into her husband's mental health following his suicide. Prichard discovered numerous warning signs of the severe depression that he had struggled with that had gone unnoticed to his friends and family before his ultimate decision to end his life.

Prichard's personal account demonstrates the significance of examining mental health through a male lens in order to provide timely prevention and early intervention for men struggling with mental health.

The event ended with information about resources and supportive communities for men seeking help and overcoming the stigmas around men's mental health.



GOAL 2: BE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, & ANTI-RACIST INSTITUTION

## FTVM DEPARTMENT DEBUTS STATE OF THE ART PODCASTING STUDIO

San Bernardino Valley College's Film, Television, and Media Department has taken a giant leap in media education and technology for creators by unveiling its reimagined Institute of Media Arts (IMA) Podcasting Studio. This state-of-the-art facility opened on November 15, 2023 with a ribbon cutting and is poised to become a cornerstone of tech advancement and media education in the Inland Empire.

The Podcasting Studio is equipped with cutting-edge technology, including three Black Magic 4K cameras and four radio-quality microphones. The multi-camera studio production setup also features a MacBook Pro, a PlayStation 5, and a remote control three-point lighting system that enhances the ambiance for visual recording. The studio is soundproof with on-site editing capabilities that create an ideal space for SBVC content creators.

"This reimagined space allows for advanced learning and professional development in podcasting and advanced media production techniques. It's a valuable asset for current students and alumni alike," stated FTVM Department Chair Lucas Cuny. The redesigned podcasting studio provides an innovative and dynamic learning environment for students enrolled in courses like FTVM 110 Audio Performance, FTVM 133 Broadcast News, FTVM 134 Sports Broadcasting, and FTVM 213 Radio and Podcast Operations, who will have priority access from Spring Semester 2024.

SBVC's reimagined IMA Podcasting Studio is not just a facility; it's a beacon of technological advancement and a powerhouse of media education. It's set to revolutionize how media education is perceived and delivered in the Inland Empire, nurturing a new generation of tech-savvy creators and media professionals.



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### ILEEN CUEVAS

SBVC student Ileen Cuevas was in disbelief when she saw an invitation from the White House in her inbox on November 1, 2023. Earlier that week, Cuevas was in Chicago for the annual Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference. At the conference, Dr. Ray Carlos asked Cuevas for her biography in order to nominate her to attend the White House event. Cuevas shared that she is a sophomore studying sociology at SBVC, and in 2018 launched the nonprofit Summit Leadership Program, which provides community service opportunities and mentoring to students, as well as clothing and toy drives for immigrants new to the Inland Empire.

Her impressive accomplishments resonated with the White House, and Cuevas was invited to attend the event held on November 8, 2023. She was accompanied by then Vice President of Student Services Dr. Scott W. Thayer. "It was a little intimidating since it was at the White House and there were so many Secret Service agents and checkpoints to go through," said Cuevas of the event. Inside, Cuevas listened to a panel discussion on equity and inclusion laws alongside members of the White House and the Department of Education. "Everybody who spoke was first-generation, so that was pretty cool," Cuevas shared.

The experience inspired Cuevas with fresh motivation to continue her work with local college-bound students and to share the benefits that higher education could bring. As a first-generation college student, Cuevas stressed the importance of building a strong support system amongst other first-generation college students to stay focused on their higher education goals.

"It does get hard because your family doesn't understand what you're doing sometimes," Cuevas admitted. "But that's OK, you know that what you're doing is good and you can definitely reach out to other first-gen students. Use each other as crutches when it gets difficult and overwhelming."

The Summit Leadership Program is always open to new members. For more information, contact Ileen Cuevas at [i.cuevas4211@student.sbccd.edu](mailto:i.cuevas4211@student.sbccd.edu)

# EVENTS

Jan 12 | Spring 2024 Opening Day



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